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ELECTRONIC PROTECTIVE ORDER SYSTEM WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Burlington, NC – Alamance County’s Electronic Protective Order System has been awarded as one of 10 2014 GCN Award Winners for “Outstanding Information Technology Achievement in Government.”

The GCN Awards program, now in its 27th year, is one of the oldest award programs dedicated to recognizing excellence in public-sector information technology projects and project teams.

Each year, GCN solicits nominations from its readers describing projects that have made the greatest impact on the efficient operation of government, as well as on the public and agency end users for whom they were designed.

This year, GCN received over 150 nominations, from which a panel of distinguished public-sector IT managers picked 10 winning projects and 10 honorable mentions they felt best met the criteria of the awards.

This year’s winning GCN Award projects ranged from a system that streamlined obtaining protective orders for victims of physical abuse to a cost-saving mobile app by a self-taught Air Force dev team.

Kshemendra Paul, Program Manager of the Information Sharing Environment and Chairman of this year’s panel of judges, noted how the winning projects illustrated a “balance of innovation” across federal, state and local jurisdictions.

This year’s judging panel included: Terry Halvorsen, Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense; Karen Jackson, Secretary of Technology, Commonwealth of Virginia; Mike Krieger, Deputy CIO, Department of the Army; Dan Chenok, Executive Director, IBM Center for the Business of Government; Adel Ebeid, Chief Innovation Officer, City of Philadelphia; Renee

Wynn, Chief Information Officer, Environmental Protection Agency; Venkatapathi (PV) Puvvada, President, Unisys Federal; Kshemendra Paul, Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment.

Together, they were asked to choose projects they believed demonstrated ingenuity in the uses of information technology, the greatest impact on improving the costs and performance equation of agency systems, and those which were staffed by public sector teams demonstrating the greatest leadership.

"This year's GCN Award winning project teams demonstrated an outstanding degree of technical creativity in pursuing solutions for agency customers, whether they were Air Force flight teams, healthcare insurance buyers, or courts helping victims of abuse seeking legal protection," said Paul McCloskey, Editor in Chief, GCN.

"The innovation shown in these projects from teams that wouldn't accept failure has helped produce a year of exceptional technology performance and ingenuity in public sector IT."

Frank Merricks, Director of the Alamance County MIS Department nominated the Electronic Protective Order System for the award. Frank commented, "Cindy and the local team put in the blood, sweat and tears. I am very glad I decided to apply for the award. In my 25 years with the County it was the first project we had that met all of the criteria for the award. Being one of only 10 award recipients makes me proud of my department, my staff and the entire team from Alamance County as well as the cooperation and funding from the State."

This year's winning teams will be recognized at a gala reception and award ceremony taking place on Oct. 14, at the Ritz Carlton hotel in Vieanna, Va. Other winners include: Navy Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command; FEMA Risk Analysis Division; Internal Revenue Service; Office of the CIO, New York City Department of Transportation; USAF Air Mobility Command; Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services; NIST Computer Security & Intelligent Systems; Navy Sea Systems Command; California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

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